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Main Entry: **1recess**  
 Pronunciation: 'rE-"ses, ri-'  
 Function: *noun*

Etymology: Latin *recessus*, from *recedere* to recede

1 : the action of **receding** : **RECESSION**

2 : a hidden, secret, or secluded place or part

3 a : **INDENTATION**, **CLEFT** <a deep *recess* in the hill> b : **ALCOVE** <a *recess* lined with books>

4 : a suspension of business or procedure often for rest or relaxation <children playing at *recess*>

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